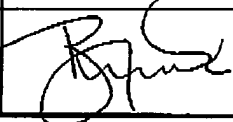
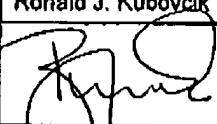


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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	10/590,442
	Filing Date	August 24, 2006
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	Group Art Unit	1761
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	Attorney Docket No.	HRK-001

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.  
*Note:* C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

<b>1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114</b> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on <u>March 28, 2011</u> (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____ iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ b. <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
<b>2. Miscellaneous</b> a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103 (c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(f) required) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
<b>3. Fees</b> The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed. a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>111833</u> i. <input type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Required Additional Fees</u> b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ <u>0.00</u> enclosed c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card in the amount of \$ <u>940.00</u> (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)			
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